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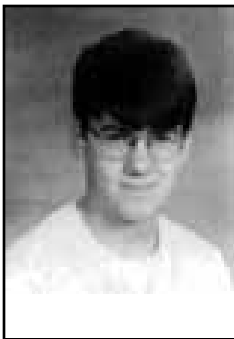
14-year-old charged in teacher's slaying

EDINBORO, Pa. (AP) — A 14-year-old boy was charged Saturday with opening fire at an eighth-grade graduation dance with the theme "I Had the Time of My Life." A science teacher was killed and two pupils and a teacher were wounded.

Andrew Wurst, a pupil at Parker Middle School, shot teacher John Gillette on a patio outside a banquet hall, walked inside and fired several more shots, left the building through a rear exit and was arrested shortly thereafter, police spokesman Mark Zaleski said.

Teen-agers were dancing to the last song, *My Heart Will Go On* from the movie *Titanic*, when the first of several booms rang out Friday night at Nick's Place, near Edinboro, about 100 miles north of Pittsburgh.

Sobbing girls in satin dresses and terrified boys in neckties huddled outside the



Andrew

hall. Some hid in a closet.

Adam Sarren, 15, said the shots sounded like a cap gun.

"It was pretty horrible. It was like a nightmare," he said. "We were all scared and crying and praying."

A month ago, Andrew joked about killing people and then committing suicide, according to two boys who described themselves as friends of his. Triston Lucas, 14, and Ben Mills, 13, said they did not take him seriously.

"He'd laugh when he said it. You couldn't really take him serious," Triston said.

Both boys, who attended counseling sessions at the school Saturday, said Andrew did not know Gillette, 48. Andrew never said he planned to kill at the dance, nor had he identified any targets, the boys said.

Gillette, a teacher for 27 years who had organized the dance, was shot in the head.

Two 14-year-old boys were wounded by gunfire; one was grazed across the abdomen and the other shot in the foot. Both were treated at a hospital and released. A female teacher was grazed.

130 children get new families

MONTEREY PARK, Calif. (AP) — Deborah Anderson sat between two girls wearing matching pink-and-green floral print dresses and lace tights. All three smiled as she signed the papers that officially made her the girls' mother.

After a long and frustrating wait, Anderson, 40, adopted the sisters Saturday during what was believed to be the largest adoption hearing ever,

with 130 children officially being united with families.

Attorneys, judges, social workers and court staffers volunteered their time to hold the hearings on a day when court is usually closed. Five courtrooms at the Edelman Children's Court were open through the afternoon so each family could have an individual adoption hearing.

Jasmine, 7, Venus, 4, and their 2-year-old brother Dino, who is not ready for adoption, have been living with Anderson for about 3½ years. Venus came to her first when she was 6 months old after she was found in a trash can.

"When she was found, she was picked up in the trash, she had alcohol in her bottle and (was) going through drug withdrawal," Anderson said.

Prosecutors again quiz first lady

WASHINGTON (AP) — Whitewater prosecutors questioned Hillary Rodham Clinton on videotape for five hours Saturday about her work as a private lawyer for the failed savings and loan at the center of the investigation. Her testimony was to be presented to a federal grand jury.

The session at the White House residence, held in lieu of a formal grand jury appearance by Rodham Clinton, marks the sixth time since June 1994 that the first lady has been questioned by prosecutors in the wide-ranging Whitewater probe.

Saturday's testimony was negotiated over several days after Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr contacted Rodham Clinton's private attorney, David Kendall, according to sources familiar with the investigation. The sources spoke only on condition of anonymity.

It was videotaped so that it could be presented to the federal grand jury in Little Rock, Ark., that has been investigating Whitewater for the last two years, White House counsel Charles F.C. Ruff said.

Ruff said the questions generally focused on Rodham Clinton's legal work in the mid-1980s for Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, which was owned by her Whitewater business partners and eventually failed. At the time, the first lady worked for the Rose Law Firm in Arkansas.

"The subjects generally were matters concerning the Rose Law Firm's legal representation of Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan and Mrs. Clinton's relationship with related individuals," Ruff said in a prepared statement issued about an hour after initial news reports of the testimony.

Closed doors meet arms fair in Europe

By New York Times

VIENNA — As if caught in a time warp from the Vietnam War era, a private, military-oriented American organization is having trouble finding a home for its European fair.

First, peace campaigners forced the fair out of Brussels, Belgium, where it had been held for the last 18 years. Then the group found it was not welcome at The Hague, Netherlands.

So the organization, the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, decided to gather in Brno, in the remote southeastern corner of the Czech Republic.

But even that plan may be in danger.

The leader of the effort to keep the organization out of Europe is Reginald Moreels, director of the development assistance office in the Belgian Foreign Ministry. In a letter to Czech President Vaclav Havel, he wrote:

"You are known as an ethical person concerned about human rights issues and the well-being of the world population. Therefore, I dare ask you to use all of your influence to avoid the fair to take place in your country."

Havel, who has been hospitalized for two weeks, will respond when his health permits, a spokesman said.

General's Cuba comments raise concerns in Miami

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fidel Castro: charming, extraordinarily smart, a great politician who knows his history. The assessment comes not from a communist comrade of the Cuban dictator but from a U.S. Marine general who retired last year as commander of America's Atlantic forces.

Not surprisingly, Gen. John J. Sheehan's dovish ideas about Cuba and its authoritarian leader have made Sheehan an object of ridicule from anti-Castro circles in Miami.

After a military career spent trying to keep Marxist-Leninists like Castro at bay, Sheehan now supports legislation to end U.S. restrictions on sale of food and medicines to Cuba.

Once a frequent visitor to the U.S. naval enclave at Guantanamo Bay, Sheehan made his first visit last month to the real Cuba. He spent 8½ hours with Castro and a day and a half with his brother Raul, Cuba's defense minister. Sheehan discussed his experiences in a telephone

interview from his Virginia home.

"What do you think, we are stupid?"

Fidel Castro responded incredulously to Sheehan's queries whether Cuba produces chemical or biological weapons.

"We don't want to give the U.S. a pretext for an attack," Sheehan quoted Castro as saying.

The status of Cuba's military has come under increasing debate lately in Washington as the Pentagon puts finishing touches on a comprehensive report about it. Accounts of the report leaked to The Miami Herald suggest the Pentagon believes Cuba poses no significant threat to the United States, partly because of the country's prolonged economic crisis.

Many Miami-based exiles are appalled by the conclusion. Their worry is not about Cuba's conven-



'Two weeks ago, I was called Castro's chief puppet...'

— Gen. John J. Sheehan made his first visit to the 'real Cuba.'

tional military capabilities but other types of threats.

Among the most outspoken critics is Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., who with three other lawmakers expressed "shock and disgust" at what they see is a softening of the Pentagon's views on Cuba.

Two years ago, Sheehan ran afoul of Diaz-Balart and other conservative lawmakers when a videotape showed him having friendly exchanges with Cuban military officers.

Sheehan doesn't find it unusual that his relatively benign view of Castro won him enemies among anti-Castro conservatives. He has been accused of being on the payroll of U.S. pharmaceutical companies, and "two weeks ago, I was called Castro's chief puppet," he said.

North Korean soldiers may get 'extra' duty

HONG KONG (AP) — North Korea has offered 200,000 soldiers as extras to a Hong Kong film director who is to shoot the first foreign movie in the isolated country, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The Hong Kong film team believes North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, a film enthusiast and James Bond fan who reportedly owns a collection of 20,000 foreign films, is taking an interest in the project, the Sunday Morning Post reported.

Director Jacob Cheung said the "anti-war film" is about a small state defended by a disciple of pacifist philosopher Mozu against invasion just before China's Warring States period, between 403 B.C.

and 221 B.C., the paper said.

Although the epic is set near Beijing, the team chose a location with an ancient castle close to the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, saying the low cost of filming there would allow more shooting time than in China, the Post said.

With the 200,000 North Korean soldiers as extras, the movie would have one of the biggest casts in film history, surpassed only by *Gandhi*, which reportedly used more than 300,000 extras for the funeral scene, the report said.

Cheung said the film will have huge pitched battles similar to those in the Oscar-winning movie *Braveheart*.

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Astronauts restart stalled air purifier unit on shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Columbia's astronauts successfully restarted a critical air purifier Saturday after it failed and threatened to cut short their two-week science mission.

With a few twists and snips, commander Richard Searfoss removed one end of a small hose in the stalled carbon dioxide removal unit and blocked it with tape. He then reinstalled the hose, bypassing a leaky valve.

When he turned on the carbon dioxide removal unit, the light came on. To everyone's relief, it stayed on.

"We've got some good news for you, Rick," Mission Control said. "It seems to be working as expected, so it looks like we've headed off the possibility of a shortened mission."

The unit had to operate reliably for the seven astronauts to remain in orbit for all 16 to 17 days of their mission to study the brain. Its failure would have forced the crew to return

to Earth as early as Wednesday — four days sooner than planned.

Mission operations representative Lee Briscoe said the seven astronauts were never in any danger during the 18-hour ordeal because the level of carbon dioxide gas in the shuttle rose only slightly.

The carbon dioxide removal unit shut down without warning late Friday — twice within 10 minutes. Columbia's astronauts immediately switched to a more complicated but reliable method of air purifying.

That method involves the repeated installation of canisters of lithium hydroxide, carried on each mission as a backup. Each time a can becomes saturated with carbon dioxide — the result of breathing and perspiration — it has to be replaced and stored. Until 1992, this was the only way to remove carbon dioxide from the shuttle atmosphere.

The newer removal system automatically absorbs carbon dioxide.

Marine hiker survives ordeal in ravine

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — A U.S. Marine who survived a day-and-a-half stranded in a cold, wet mountain ravine west of Tokyo was released from the Yokota Air Base hospital today.

"I didn't know if they would be bringing out a corpse or a body but I figured eventually they'd find me," said Marine Staff Sgt. Charlotte Crouch, as she lay on a gurney in the emergency room of the hospital hours after her rescue Saturday.

"She's in really good shape," said Capt. Erik Coda, 29, a 374th Medical Group doctor, who treated her at the hospital where she was taken by an Air Force ambulance from the rescue site about 110 miles west of Tokyo. Coda said she was suffering effects of prolonged exposure and was kept overnight for observation.

Crouch, a copy editor for Pacific Stars and Stripes, was the subject of an intensive search that began Friday night and eventually involved 25 Marines and a Navy corpsman from Camp Fuji, Japanese police and mountain rescue crews, and friends.

In a hospital interview, Crouch said she was hiking alone on an old miners' trail down Mount Kobushi about sunrise Friday and was crossing a fast-flowing river when she slipped and fell in. She was swept down two waterfalls before being stopped by a log hung up on a rock in mistream.

Crouch credited her Marine training with helping her survive a cold wait in the ravine for rescue.

She removed clothing that was less likely to dry, pulled a fleece sweater over her knees and remained in the fetal position to conserve body heat.

U.N. officials asks Brazzaville's assistance to reintegrate child soldiers in civilian life

BRAZZAVILLE, Republic of Congo (AP) — The Republic of Congo's new leadership must work to help child soldiers reintegrate into civilian life, the director of the United Nations Children's Fund said Saturday.

"Africa's senior leaders must see to the well-being

of these children and ensure that they have a normal life," UNICEF director Carol Bellamy told reporters in the Republic of Congo's capital, Brazzaville.

Bellamy delivered her message to President Denis Sassou-Nguesso during a visit to this battered

country. She is in Africa to meet with various government leaders and visit several UNICEF projects.

Many children were recruited to fight in this country's civil war last year, during which Sassou-Nguesso drove former President Pascal Lissouba from power.

Unlikely alliance of Kings, Ray baffles civil rights leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — The dreamer's son and the dream-killer spoke only a few minutes that day 13 months ago. But the prison meeting between a deathly ill James Earl Ray and Dexter King, son of Martin Luther King Jr., left many in the civil rights movement cringing.

Ray peered into the eyes of Dexter King and mumbled, "I had nothing to do with shooting your father."

Replied King, seated three feet away, "I believe you."

In that meeting on March 27, 1997, America's first family of civil rights seemed to deliver absolution to a man who by nearly all accounts was responsible for murdering King.

In the aftermath of Ray's death Thursday, the King family's relationship with the confessed murderer stands as one of the more bizarre twists in the 30-year ordeal set off by King's shooting on a Memphis motel balcony.

"I simply don't understand it," said

Rev. Samuel Billy Kyles, pastor of Monumental Baptist Church in Memphis and a former King aide.

"I would much rather have seen Dexter say, 'In the spirit of my father, I forgive you. Now tell me who else was involved.' But to say that he believes in Ray's innocence when everything points right there, I just ..."

Kyles didn't complete the sentence. He didn't need to convey his incredulity, a sense shared by Julian Bond.

Taxpayer abuse 'unfounded' report states

By Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Allegations of taxpayer abuse made by an Internal Revenue Service agent during last fall's blockbuster Senate hearings are "unfounded" and "unsubstantiated," according to a confidential report prepared by Treasury Department investigators.

The report by Treasury's Office of Inspector General raises questions about the Senate testimony of Jennifer Long, a Houston IRS agent, and, indirectly, the testimony of six other IRS employees

who gave similar accounts but testified anonymously.

Long testified that IRS managers fabricated evidence to show taxpayers owed more taxes than they reported and that IRS managers targeted the low-income because they do not have the resources to fight.

The inspector general did report, however, that investigators uncovered some "concerns," including the failure to take disciplinary actions against managers when IRS workers won grievances against them.

When informed of the inspector general's findings yesterday, Long said she was "not surprised, because that's the way they do people that dare to criticize them. They try to discredit them."

"I'm going to walk through the fire on this. The truth is the truth, and eventually the truth will come out," she added.

Staff aides to Senate Finance Committee Chairman William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., who held last September's IRS hearings, said they were standing by Long.

"We believe Jennifer Long.

We believe the employees who testified before the committee and we believe the taxpayers who testified before our committee," said Roth spokeswoman Ginny Flynn.

The inspector general's report was released late Friday by Democratic congressional aides after Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., asked for a copy. The investigation into Long's testimony was requested by Deputy IRS Commissioner Michael P. Dolan as part of his pledge to Roth to identify and correct improper practices at the IRS.

New study show new link in order of obesity, asthma

CHICAGO (AP) — Harvard researchers say a study of thousands of nurses has provided the first strong evidence that obesity greatly increases the risk of developing asthma.

Even a little bit of fat increases the risk, and obese people — those who are roughly 35 percent overweight — are at least three times more likely to develop the respiratory ailment that afflicts millions of Americans, the researchers say.

For years, doctors have been aware of a connection between obesity and asthma. But the general assumption was that asthma comes first, that patients were prone to putting on weight because breathing problems limited exercise.

The new study was designed to test that assumption, and the results "guarantee

that obesity preceded the diagnosis of asthma," said the research leader, Dr. Carlos A. Camargo Jr.

Both obesity and asthma are on the rise in developed nations. From 1982 to 1994, the rate of asthma rose 61 percent in this country, where health officials say one in three people are obese. An estimated 15 million Americans have asthma, which kills some 5,000 people a year.

Camargo's study used data from women in the Nurses Health Study II. Of the 89,061 nurses tracked in the asthma study, 1,652 developed the ailment from 1991 to 1995.

Their weight and height were known at the start of the survey, which was controlled for such factors as age, race, smoking and physical activity.

Attorney general cited for bias

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida's attorney general violated civil rights laws by hiring too few black lawyers in a district office and paying them less than white co-workers, a federal investigation has determined.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's probe of Bob But-

terworth's Fort Lauderdale office also concluded that a black employee was denied time off and given extra work after she complained of having too few black colleagues, The Miami Herald reported Saturday.

"There is reasonable cause to believe that a violation of the statute has oc-

curred," according to the EEOC's confidential report, obtained by the newspaper.

Butterworth, running for his 4th term, said he was unaware of the details of the report but promised a quick response to correct any problems found.

"Obviously I'm concerned about it," he said.

Wife who shot back won't be charged

From Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — A woman who fired back at her husband after he shot her during a marriage counseling session will not face criminal charges.

Bonnie Martin was seriously wounded in Wednesday's shooting at St. James Episcopal Cathedral. Her husband Michael Martin, who was wounded in the shoulder, has been booked for investigation of attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, felony spousal abuse and making terrorist threats.

'Play' gunbattle fatal

GREENSBORO, N.C. — A North Carolina boy was fatally shot on his sixth birthday Saturday by a 4-year-old who fired a handgun the boys found in a purse, police said.

Witnesses said the 4-year-old was playing outside shortly after the shooting.

Neighbors said it appeared the children had been playing their usual game of pretend gunplay when it took a deadly turn.

Los Angeles shaken by quake

ALHAMBRA, Calif. — A moderate earthquake jolted residents throughout the greater Los Angeles area Saturday.

There were no reports of serious injuries or damage.

The magnitude-3.8 quake struck 2 miles southeast of Alhambra at 6:32 p.m., said seismologist Lucy Jones of the U.S. Geological Survey.

Siberian voters may hold Lebed's fate

KRASNOYARSK, Russia (AP) — Russia's former security chief, Alexander Lebed, faced a referendum on his political future today in a Siberian governor's race pitting him against a popular incumbent.

Lebed was among the no-shows at the polls in the Krasnoyarsk territory — as a resident of Moscow, he wasn't qualified to vote.

Election officials in Krasnoyarsk declared the vote for a new governor valid in the early afternoon today, with about 35 percent of registered voters coming to the polling stations. The required turnout

was 25 percent.

Elections were also held today in the northern Russian republic of Karelia, where voters were to choose their new president, and in Smolensk in western Russia, where six people were competing for the governor's post.

But the attention was focused on Krasnoyarsk and on Lebed, a retired general who hopes the election will take him one step closer to Russia's presidency.

Polls have put incumbent Gov. Valery Zubov ahead, but most observers believe the race has tightened in the final week, and few expect any candidate to get the

majority needed to win outright.

A sampling of voters at two precincts in Krasnoyarsk showed some support for Lebed, but also a great deal of suspicion of him and his motives for seeking the post.

"He's not local," said Vladimir Ivanov, a 62-year-old geologist. "His intentions are temporary — only for two years, and then he intends to run for president."

Several people explained their opposition to Lebed in a single word, usually uttered with a shrug: "Soldier."

"That speaks for itself," said Denis Aruchunian, a 21-year-old student.

In Germany, depressed state may turn from Kohl

MAGDEBURG, Germany (AP) — Eastern Germans who willingly traded away communism for capitalism are increasingly disillusioned with the man who made the exchange happen — Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Voters in Saxony-Anhalt, Germany's most depressed state, choose a new legislature today and in the process are

expected to boost the momentum of opposition chancellor candidate Gerhard Schroeder, a Social Democrat out to end 16 years of conservative rule in Sept. 27 national elections.

Polls predicted large losses for Kohl's Christian Democrats and gains for the state's ruling Social Democrats. Many voters were expected to cast their ballot to bolster

front-runner Schroeder, who has tapped into a national mood for political change.

Kohl, 68, rode euphoria about unification to a huge win in the first post-unity elections in 1990 and depended heavily on votes from former communist East Germany for his re-election four years ago. But unemployment stuck at about twice the national av-

erage and a widening economic growth gap with western Germany are working against Kohl.

Some 2.1 million people were eligible for the second major test of voter sentiment this year. In the first, Schroeder clinched his party's nomination with his re-election as governor of the state of Lower Saxony in March.

South Korean spy agency changes name

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Hoping to polish an image tarnished by years of human rights abuses, South Korea's spy agency, once known as the KCIA, said today it will change its name to the National Intelligence Service.

Since taking power in February, President Kim Dae-jung, a former dissident who had been kidnapped and tortured by government agents, has been cleaning up the spy agency, now called the Agency for National Security Planning.

"With the new name, we will make a new beginning as an intelligence agency trusted by the people," the agency said in a statement.

The agency will ask parliament to approve the new name this week, it said.

Formerly called the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, the organization adopted its current name in what skeptics viewed as a cosmetic change to clean up its image following

the 1979 assassination of former President Park Chung-hee by the agency's chief.

South Korea's past military rulers used the agency to suppress dissidents. Among its targets was Kim, who was kidnapped, jailed and tortured by government agents in the 1970s and 1980s.

December's election made Kim the first opposition leader to take power in South Korea. In March, he appointed Lee Jong-chan, a close political ally, as intelligence chief with orders to overhaul the agency.

Two-thirds of its senior officials have since been fired in a purge aimed at removing the agency from domestic politics. Hundreds of lower-ranking agents also have been dismissed.

Last week, prosecutors indicted Kwon Young-hae, 60, a former agency chief, on a charge of plotting to destroy Kim's election campaign last year.

Moderate quake felt in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP) — A moderately strong earthquake with a magnitude of 4.7 today hit a coastal resort southwest of Tokyo that has suffered thousands of minor tremors over the last week.

The quake, which struck at 7:37 a.m., was centered 6.2 miles beneath the seabed just off the coast of Ito City, the Meteorological Agency said.

There were no reports of damage or injuries in Ito, said Tsuneyoshi Katsumata of the local police department, but passenger train service on two lines running on the Izu Peninsula was temporarily halted to inspect tracks.

The quake, also was felt in Tokyo and surrounding areas, the agency said.

Public broadcaster NHK television showed footage of goods that fell to the floor in a local convenience store after being shaken off counters during the quake.

Ito, a resort city on the peninsula, is about 74 miles southwest of Tokyo.

Buddy reports being 'happy' after surgery

WASHINGTON (AP) — The presidential pooch has been neutered, and he's "happy" about it, at least according to White House press secretary Mike McCurry.

After revealing that a veterinarian last weekend neutered Buddy, the president's 8-month old labrador, McCurry was asked if the dog was feeling less friendly toward his master.

"Buddy is happy and doing well," McCurry said Friday.

Asked how he knew the dog's state of mind, the presidential spokesman replied with a grin, "He told me."

Anticipating questions about the wisdom of neutering, McCurry cited statistics from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals indicating that 70,000 puppies and kittens are born each day — far more than can find homes — and millions are euthanized each year.

Roger Caras, president of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, praised the Clintons' decision to have Buddy fixed.

'Titanic' actress tries out her luck yet again

By Associated Press

In the movie *Titanic*, Gloria Stuart went to sea aboard a ship they said could never sink. As an encore, she will hop aboard a paddle-wheeler that already has.

Call it pressing her luck, but the 86-year-old Stuart has told organizers that she can hardly wait for Wednesday's annual showdown against the Delta Queen of New Orleans.

The Belle, which is the oldest running passenger steamboat in the United States, has had extensive repairs since it partly sank last summer while docked at its Ohio River wharf, probably from sabotage. Engine problems cut short its shakedown cruise Thursday.

Some townspeople remained skeptical of the Belle's buoyancy.

"I'd be scared to death to get on that boat," said Louisville, Ky., resident Jessica Armour.

But Stuart and about 650 others will be aboard during the Great Steamboat Race that is part of Louisville's two-week Derby Festival.

She will be a parade grand marshal on Thursday.

Stuart's work in *Titanic* earned her an

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Academy Award nomination.

O.J.'s daughter in accident

O.J. Simpson's daughter was released from a hospital Saturday following treatment for injuries suffered in a car crash.

Arnelle Simpson, 29, may face drunken driving charges for the single-car accident.

She suffered a concussion and facial injuries and was treated overnight at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

Simpson's Saab convertible went out of control early Friday, striking a bus bench, flower garden and the wall of an apartment building, police said. She was alone in the car and no one else was injured.

Police said they smelled alcohol on her breath after the accident and she was cited for investigation of drunken driving, said police Lt. Al Munoz-Flores.

Police would not say if a blood-alcohol test was performed.

Simpson, a Los Angeles resident, testified in her father's defense at his criminal and civil trials for the slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman. He was acquitted of murder but held liable in the civil trial and ordered to pay \$33.5 million in damages.

She is the daughter of Marguerite Thomas, O.J. Simpson's first wife. O.J. Simpson also has a son from his first marriage.

Family clarifies stand on Diana memorial

LONDON (AP) — Prince William is upset by the "commercial exploitation" of his mother, Princess Diana, and with her brother wants to see her charity dissolved eventually, The Sunday Times reported.

But trustees of the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund said Saturday that Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, has not asked the fund to curtail its operations.

The trustees were responding to a Saturday Times story, which quoted an unnamed aide saying Spencer believes the fund is degrading Diana's memory and should set a date to stop donations.

Christopher Spence, a fund trustee, said talks on the fund's direction will be held in the next few weeks.

In The Stars and Stripes

10 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1988 — In Israeli court sentenced John Demjanjuk to be executed for war crimes committed as "Ivan the Terrible," a sadistic Nazi guard who ran gas chambers where about 800,000 Jews died.

20 YEARS AGO

April, 26 1978 — South African Prime Minister John Vorster accepted Western proposals for an internationally recognized plan to bring black majority rule to Namibia.

30 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1968 — American and North Vietnamese officials conferred on Vientiane, Laos, but made no progress in the search for a mutually agreeable site for preliminary peace talks.

40 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1958 — Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy agreed to reword President Eisenhower's defense reorganization proposal to rule out the possibility that it would centralize the armed services.

50 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1948 — Uruguayan authorities reported the arrest of high-ranking Communist leaders from Brazil, Argentina and Chile at a meeting in Montevideo aimed at forming a "Western Hemisphere Cominform."

Hornets put Hawks on ropes, 92-85

By Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Despite Glen Rice sitting on the bench with his fifth foul, Anthony Mason and David Wesley powered a late 13-3 run that sent the Charlotte Hornets to a 92-85 victory Saturday night and a 2-0 lead over the Atlanta Hawks in their best-of-5 playoff series.



Mason had nine points and Wesley four in the surge, which put the Hornets up by 10 with 2:37 left.

Mason finished with 25 points to help give Charlotte an imposing edge as the series shifts to Atlanta for the third game Tuesday night. Just five teams in NBA history have rebounded from 2-0 deficits to win a best-of-5 series. The last was the

Denver Nuggets in 1994.

Rice finished with 24 points and a season-high 13 rebounds and Wesley added 18 points and six assists for the Hornets.

Pacers 92, Cavaliers 86

INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Miller's 18 points led a balanced Indiana scoring attack as the Pacers came back from a 17-point deficit to beat Cleveland.

The victory gave Indiana a 2-0 lead in its best-of-5 Eastern Conference playoff series.

Suns 108, Spurs 101

PHOENIX — Antonio McDyess had 21 points and 11 rebounds and, more importantly, limited Tim Duncan to half of his Game 1 scoring output as Phoenix beat San Antonio to even their Western

Conference playoff series 1-1.

Duncan, the Spurs' sensational rookie, looked like a playoff veteran in Game 1, scoring 32 points as San Antonio won 102-96 on Thursday night. On Saturday, Duncan had 16 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks.

Jazz 105, Rockets 90

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Jazz were back to normal on Saturday night — and just in time.

Karl Malone scored 11 of his 29 points in a 32-point third quarter as Utah defeated the Houston Rockets 105-90 and tied the opening-round playoff series at one game apiece.

The Jazz are trying to avoid becoming just the second top seed in NBA history to lose a first-round playoff series.

Penn runners find it tough to try to keep up with Jones

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Marion Jones, the world's fastest woman sprinter, showed why on Saturday.

She was so overpowering that she overshadowed a strong performance by Michael Johnson, the world's No. 1 men's long sprinter.

Both ran on relays in the Penn Relays, and Jones' team set an American record, while Johnson's team just missed.

Jones' anchor leg for Nike's 800-meter relay team was brilliant. She took the baton from Nicole Green six meters behind Adidas' LaTarsha Stroman and blazed past her easily to win by six meters.

The time of 1 minute, 29.64 seconds by the Nike team of Tameka Roberts, Inger Miler, Green and Jones, the world 100-meter champion and 1997 Woman Athlete of the Year, smashed the American record of 1:30.20 set by a Nike team here last year. Miller and Green also were a part of that team, along with Celena Mondie-Milner and Chryste Gaines.

This time, the Nike team came close to being disqualified on the exchange between Green and Jones. With Jones taking off quickly, the pass from Green was nearly out of the zone.

"I took off a little too early, and I ran away from her (Green)" Jones said. "But we salvaged it."

The world record is 1:28.15.

Jones also ran on Nike's 400-meter relay team, which was disqualified for passing out of the zone on the first hand-off between Passion Richardson and Jones.

It wouldn't have mattered because Nike finished second to the Adidas team of Michelle Freeman, Gaines, Beverly McDonald and Sevatheda Fynes, which clocked 42.51, breaking Franklin Field and Penn Relays records.

Along with Richardson and Jones, the Nike team included Miller and two-time Olympic 100-meter gold medalist Gail Devers.

Johnson, running for Nike's 800-meter relay team, anchored the foursome to victory in 1:19.85, just off the world record of 1:18.68 held by the 1994 Santa Monica Track Club, anchored by Carl Lewis.

"As long as we got a win, that's all that matters," Johnson said after taking the baton with a one-meter lead and winning by nine.

This was Johnson's first competitive race since August.

Preceding Johnson on the relay were world 100-meter champion Maurice Greene, 1996 Olympic 110-meter hurdles gold medalist and two-time world champion Allen Johnson and Olympic 400-meter runner Alvin Harrison.

Pens pull even with Habs, 4-1

By Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Stu Barnes scored twice — once when Montreal's Vladimir Malakhov knocked the puck into his own net — and the Pittsburgh Penguins evened their first-ever playoff series against the Canadiens by winning 4-1 Saturday night.

Barnes, constantly working free for shots as Montreal's three-defense-man line occupied itself with NHL scoring champ Jaromir Jagr, also set up Pittsburgh's first goal as the Penguins followed a familiar playoff pattern. The Penguins are 8-1 in Game 2 when they lose Game 1.

Blues 2, Kings 1

ST. LOUIS — Jim Campbell beat Jamie Storr with 8:23 left as the St. Louis Blues beat the Los Angeles Kings and took a 2-0 series lead.

Game 2 featured a lot tighter checking than the opener, an 8-3 St. Louis victory. After being limited to 15 shots in the first two periods, the Blues turned up the pressure with 12 shots in the third against Storr, a rookie making his first career playoff start.

The Blues had been 0-for-6 on the power play before the goal from Campbell, who had 22 in the regular season.

Cincinnati shuts out Mets, 2-0

By Associated Press

NEW YORK — David Weathers, who rejoined the Reds a night earlier after attending his father's funeral, allowed six hits in eight shutout innings Saturday to lead Cincinnati over the New York Mets 2-0.

Weathers (2-1) struck out seven and walked two. Masato Yoshii (1-1), the Mets' 32-year old rookie pitcher from Japan, allowed both runs and five hits.

Giants 2, Brewers 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Kirk Rueter (3-1) combined with two relievers on a three-hitter as San Francisco stopped a three-game losing streak and beat Milwaukee for the first time in five games this season.

Cardinals 8, Phillies 5

PHILADELPHIA — Mark McGwire's major league-leading 10th homer, a two-run shot, capped a six-run seventh as St. Louis rallied from a 5-0 deficit and stopped a three-game losing streak.

Rockies 11, Braves 7

ATLANTA — Vinny Castilla hit his ninth homer and every Colorado starter except Mike Lansing had at least one RBI as the Rockies reached double figures against Atlanta for the second time in six days.

Astros 4, Expos 3

MONTREAL — Craig Biggio hit a go-ahead groundout in the ninth as Houston rallied from 2-0 and 3-2 deficits.

Diamondbacks 4, Marlins 3

MIAMI — Matt Williams hit a two-run homer off Vic Darensbourg (0-2), in the 11th inning, his second homer of the game, to give Arizona its first extra-inning win.

Dodgers 3, Cubs 2

LOS ANGELES — Raul Mondesi hit a game-tying homer in the fifth and Wilton Guerrero scored the go-ahead run on pitcher Jeremi Gonzalez's throwing error in the sixth.

Padres 4, Pirates 3, 16 innings

SAN DIEGO — Steve Finley's one-out RBI single in the 16th ended the longest game in the majors this season.

White's message hits home this time

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — People should use teamwork to fix the country's problems, Green Bay Packers star Reggie White told a sports fund-raiser Saturday night, one month after making comments that angered homosexuals.

People should overcome their differences to make their lives better, he said in a 10-minute talk during the event for University of Wisconsin athletics.

"If we as a people will work together and try to understand each other's feelings, we will see a difference," White said.

White made just one reference to the much longer address he delivered last month as an invited guest in the state Assembly during which he called homosexuality a sin.

"It won't be a 50-minute speech, if you know what I mean, not unless there is some legislators here," he said.

White, who ended his two-day retirement last week after being told by God to do so, received a standing ovation when he arrived at the affair and another one later from an audience of about 2,500.

When he began speaking from a stage, the crowd chanted: "Reggie, Reggie."

Playing for the Packers since 1993 is the "best football experience of my life," he said. He originally did not want to go to Green Bay, he said, but now feels "a genuine love" for the city and Wisconsin.

Saberhagen on target

By Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Bret Saberhagen continued his remarkable comeback, and Reggie Jefferson and Scott Hatteberg hit solo homers as the Boston Red Sox beat the Cleveland Indians 3-2 Saturday for their 13th win in 14 games.

Saberhagen (4-0) allowed one run and three hits in six innings, lowering his ERA to 1.97. He has won all four of his starts this season.

Yankees 5, Tigers 4

NEW YORK — Chad Curtis singled home the go-ahead run after Darryl Strawberry's eighth-inning steal, and New York rallied for its 13th win in 14 games.

Orioles 8, Athletics 2

BALTIMORE — Cal Ripken extended his record consecutive games streak to 2,500 and marked the occasion with a three RBIs.

Jimmy Key (3-1) allowed six hits in seven shutout innings and got all the offensive support he needed from Ripken, whose opposite-field, two-run single to right broke a scoreless game in the sixth.

Angels 7, Devil Rays 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Cecil

Fielder broke out of a deep slump by driving in three runs with a single and double Saturday night, leading the Anaheim Angels over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Fielder, who had just seven hits in his previous 63 at-bats, had an RBI single off Rolando Arrojo (2-2) in the fourth and a two-run single off Jim Mecir in a five-run eighth.

White Sox 8, Blue Jays 1

CHICAGO — Robin Ventura drove in four runs with three-run homer and an RBI single as Chicago won for the second time in eight games and sent Toronto to its fourth loss in five games.

Rangers 11, Royals 8

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Juan Gonzalez went 3-for-4 with five RBIs to lead Texas.

Twins 8, Mariners 2

SEATTLE — Ron Coomer's first career grand slam capped a six-run ninth inning against Seattle's bullpen.

Otis Nixon and pinch-hitter Alex Ochoa hit RBI singles in the ninth off Mike Timlin (1-2) before the Twins loaded the bases for Coomer.